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The underlying bill, I believe, is a great step forward for us to ensure that our Medicaid system is well intact and also should be a great opportunity for us as a state to ensure that those individuals who are being served by our Medicaid system are being treated appropriately, and I would encourage your advancement of LB 1084. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. You've heard the closing on advancement of LB 1084. All in favor of the advancement vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 1084 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted on the motion who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1084.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1084 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1084A, a bill by Senator Erdman. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, to open on LB 1084A.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I had distributed this morning a general handout or a sheet that outlines the provisions of LB 1084, and it also outlines the appropriations necessary. The federal government has agreed to pay 90 percent of the cost of this program for the first 18 months, and it's my understanding in working with the Attorney General's Office that this is going to be a self-funding unit. The appropriations bill authorizes the use of funds, federal funds, to carry out the provisions. There is no General Fund or General Fund appropriation, excuse me, at this time. The money that would be necessary is going to be determined through the Attorney General's Office. So for this budget year, there is no fiscal impact as far as the General Fund.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. You've heard the opening on LB 1084A. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Erdman, there are no lights on. Do you wish to close?